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Letter dated 10 August 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Libya to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions, I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter from His Excellency Agila Saleh Issa Gwaider, President of the House of Representatives of Libya, addressed to you (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ibrahim O. A. **Dabbashi**
Ambassador
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[Original: Arabic]

I have the honour to convey to you, on behalf of the members of the House of Representatives and the Libyan people, our utmost thanks and appreciation for your efforts to maintain international peace and security. We should also like to reaffirm our full support for your efforts to reach an accord in our country.

Although our country is making progress towards stability and political consensus, we should like to draw your attention to the extremely serious matter of recent developments in the security situation, and the attempt of the so-called Benghazi Defence Companies to mount another attack on some of the eastern parts of the country with the goal of reaching the city of Benghazi, after our national army had successfully thwarted their previous attack.

We should also like to take this opportunity to warn of the serious consequences of the above-mentioned developments, and remind you that those groups have committed acts of terrorism that amount to war crimes, such as spreading fear in peaceful villages, the destruction of property and infrastructure, the abduction of innocent civilians and the extrajudicial killing of prisoners. Some of their leaders have criminal records and are linked to extremist groups that have been designated by international bodies as terrorist groups.

Therefore, given our obligation toward our people, and with reference to Security Council resolution 1973 (2011), which calls for protection of civilians in Libya, we call on you to assume fully your responsibility to deter this aggression and to condemn and punish all those who support and shelter these groups. We also wish to emphasize the threat posed by these attacks and the repercussions that they could have on political dialogue and the prospects for full reconciliation in our country.

(*Signed*) Agila **Saleh Issa**
President of the House of Representatives of Libya